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TO : Chief, Personnel Security Division

FROM : Chief, Security Branch

SUBJECT: Special Intelligence

DATE: 15 October 1948

1. Under an arrangement that has just been worked out it has been decided that clearances for Special Intelligence will be divided into two categories:

a. One, considered the regular clearance, will be based on the investigative record alone and will have no reference whatsoever to a polygraph interview. Under this clearance Appraisal will make their regular finding on the basis of the investigative report and subject will be reported in the usual approval form.

b. Polygraph interviews for Special Intelligence will be arranged in every instance by the Advisory Council, and the time of the interview will be determined directly between this office and the subject. The report of the polygraph interview will be on the basis of whether the interview was conducted with favorable results or with inconclusive results. Reports of this nature, utilizing special terminology, will be transmitted from Chief, Security Branch, to [REDACTED] on an "EYES ONLY" basis.

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2. For the purpose of record the two clearances will be separate as far as this office is concerned and will be brought together by [REDACTED] for final determination for approval. If, however, information is developed as a result of the polygraph interview which would appear as an inconclusive result, investigative action can then be taken which will establish within the investigative file sufficient information to take disapproval action if the case is of such a nature that the subject could not be approved for Special Intelligence.

3. The main purpose is to keep the two phases of clearance separate, so that a clearance for Special Intelligence will not be resolved upon the basis of a successful clearance of the polygraph interview.

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